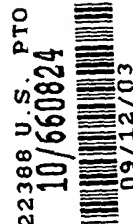




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PATENT APPLICATION



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Attorney Docket No. 13823US01

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): John D. Hottovy, Dale A. Zellers and Randy S. Hagenson

Title: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING TAKE-OFF VALVE PLUGGING IN A POLYMERIZATION PROCESS

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a:

☒ utility patent.

☐ design patent.

This application is a:

☐ continuation

☐ divisional

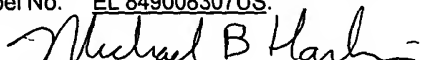
☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

2. Application Papers Enclosed

- Title Page
- 14 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract & Drawings)
- 3 Page(s) of Claims (1-20)
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 4 Sheet(s) of Drawings (1-4)
- ☐ Formal
- ☒ Informal

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **September 12, 2003**, in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EL 849008307US.


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3. Declaration r Oath

☐ Enclosed

Executed by (check all applicable boxes)

☐ Inventor(s) (copy from prior application)

☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)

(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)

☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached

☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed. See Item 5D below for fee.

☒ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Information Disclosure Statement, including copies of cited references

☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit

☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence

☐ Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

☐ Associate Power of Attorney

☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application

☐ An assignment of the invention (copy of recorded assignment from prior application)

☐ Certified copy(ies) of application(s):

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from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed

☐ is(are) attached.

☐ will follow.

☐ Other

5. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

A. ☒ Utility Application

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$375.00		\$ 750.00
TOTAL	20 -20	=	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	\$
INDEP.	2 - 3	=	X 42 =	\$	X 84 =	\$
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Filing Fee:				\$	OR	\$ 750.00

B. ☐ Design Application (\$165.00/\$330.00) Filing Fee: \$ _____

C. ☐ Plant Application (\$255.00/\$510.00) Filing Fee: \$ _____

D. Other Fees

☐ Recording Assignment [Fee -- \$40.00 per assignment] \$ _____

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors
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☐ Other \$ _____

Total Fees Enclosed \$ 750.00

6. Method of Payment of Fees

☒ Enclosed check in the amount of: \$ 750.00

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7. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

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